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MEMORANDUM FOR USAREUR Personnel With Privately Owned Firearms

SUBJECT: Possession of Privately Owned Firearms by U.S. Forces Personnel

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. This is an order to ensure compliance with German law on the possession of privately owned firearms (POFs). Military personnel who violate this order are subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian employees who violate this order are subject to the provisions of USAREUR Regulation 27-9 (Misconduct by Civilians) and to adverse action for misconduct under the appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund disciplinary systems.


2. USAREUR registration records indicate that you have registered a POF or POFs with the USAREUR Vehicle Registry. Effective 1 January 2001, USAREUR privately owned firearms registrations (AE Form 190-6B) are not valid under German law as a basis for possessing, acquiring, or using POFs in Germany. USAREUR and the German Government are working intensively to establish simplified procedures that will enable you to apply for a *Waffenbesitzkarte* (German Weapons Possession Card).

3. Effective 1 January 2001, POF owners whose POFs are not covered by a *Waffenbesitzkarte* will—

a. Keep their POFs in their current storage location or move them to a community or unit arms room or rod-and-gun club. Owners who choose to store their POFs in an arms room or rod-and-gun club will ensure that the facility has storage space before moving their POFs.

b. Not sell or otherwise dispose of their POFs without first obtaining written approval from the USAREUR Vehicle Registry.

4. The point of contact is the USAREUR Vehicle Registry, DSN 386-7271/7110 or civilian 0621-718-7271/7110.

  
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